GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NAPHTHA CRACKER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation has been given a Letter of Intent for setting up a Naphtha Cracker Project with a capacity of 3,00,000 tonnes per annum of Ethylene in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to start production?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): In accordance with the information furnished by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, a Letter of Intent was issued on 3rd April 1996 which was further renewed up to 2nd April, 2001. The project was to be established as a Joint Venture of Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation (MPSIDC) and Indo Rama Synthetics India Limited. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed on 10th December, 1997 between MPSIDC and Indo Rama Synthetics (I) Ltd. The capacity of the project was 3,00,000 tonnes per annum of Ethylene. Under the MOU Naphtha was to be made available by Bharat Oman Refinery Limited (BORL). Since BORL was not set up and the Naphtha was not available and the capacity of 3,00,000 tonnes per annum was not viable, the project could not be implemented.